

BEWARE OF BENNY HINN

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The very popular Pentecostal preacher Benny Hinn is a false prophet. Hinn traces his charismatic “anointing” to the late female preacher Kathryn Kuhlman, whose meetings were often characterized by the dangerous and unscriptural “slaying in the spirit” phenomenon. In Hinn’s book *Good Morning, Holy Spirit*, he admits that the first time he encountered the Kuhlman phenomenon he exclaimed: “I’ve got to have this. ... I want what Kathryn Kuhlman’s got. I wanted it with every atom and fiber within me” (*Good Morning, Holy Spirit*, pp. 9-12). Hinn even tells of visiting the graves of Kuhlman and of another female Pentecostal preacher, Aimee Semple McPherson, *TO GET ANOINTING FROM THEIR BONES* (*Ibid.*, quoted from Hank Hanegraaff, *Counterfeit Revival*, p. 172).

On Sunday, April 30, 2000, four people died in Nairobi, Kenya, during a Hinn “Miracle Crusade” (Reuters News Service, “Four Die Waiting for ‘Miracle’ Cures,” May 4, 2000, quoting the *Kenya Times*). They had been released from a hospital to be cured at Hinn’s healing crusade, but they died instead. I don’t read in the Bible where anyone died when they tried to reach out to Jesus Christ for healing! Furthermore, “ten other people suffered serious injuries including broken jaws after falling from trees they had climbed to get a view of the American preacher.” Hinn’s television shows are broadcast in Kenya, and he has a large following there.

Benny Hinn had a great influence on the formation of the “laughing revival” which originated at the Toronto Airport Church in Ontario, Canada, in January 1994, and which has spread throughout many parts of the world. The pastor there, John Arnott, and his wife, Carol, were earnestly “seeking a special touch from God,” but, sadly, they were following the unscriptural charismatic prophecies and methodologies instead of relying strictly on the Holy Scriptures. They claim that God had told them to “hang around people that have an anointing.” Instead of defining the Holy Spirit anointing biblically, they defined it according to Pentecostal Word-Faith theology. In September 1992, they attended several of Benny Hinn’s meetings at Mapleleaf Gardens in Toronto. After Hinn would pray for them, Carol Arnott would be so drunk that she had to be carried home and put to bed. I give several other examples of Benny Hinn’s influence on the “Toronto Blessing” movement in my book *Laughing Revival: From Azusa to Pensacola*.

Hinn has made many false prophecies. For example, on his April 2nd program he said:

“I believe -- here this, hear this! I believe, that JESUS, GOD’S SON, IS ABOUT TO APPEAR PHYSICALLY, IN MEETINGS AND TO BELIEVERS AROUND THE WORLD, to wake us up! He appeared after His resurrection and He is about to appear before His second coming!” (Benny Hinn, “This Is Your Day,” April 2, 2000).

This is a blatant false prophecy. The Bible nowhere indicates that Jesus Christ will appear physically to believers or to the unsaved at the end of the church age prior to His return. In fact, the Lord Jesus warned about such a thing. He warned that many FALSE christs will appear in the world in the last hours of this age.

“And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect” (Mark 13:21,22).

On Trinity Broadcasting Network’s Praise the Lord program, October 19, 1999, Benny Hinn told Paul Crouch that the time is coming in which thousands of dead will be raised when their bodies are put in front of television sets while TBN is broadcasting. Following is a transcript of the program:

BENNY HINN: “But here’s first what I see for TBN. You’re going to have people raised from the dead watching this network. You’re going to have people raised from the dead watching TBN. ... I’m telling you, I see this in the Spirit. It’s going to be so awesome--Jesus I give you praise for this--that people around the world--maybe not so much in America--people around the world who will lose loved ones, will say to undertakers, ‘Not yet. I want to take my dead loved one and place him in front of that TV set for 24 hours.’ ... I’m telling you, I can feel the anointing talking here. People are going to be canceling funeral services and bringing their dead in their caskets, placing them--my God! I feel the anointing here--placing them before a television set, waiting for God’s power to come through and touch them. And it’s going to happen time and time--so much it’s going to spread. You’re going to hear it from Kenya to Mexico to Europe to South America, where people will be raised from the dead. So much so that the word will spread that if some dead person be put in front of this TV screen, they will be raised from the head and they will be by the thousands. ... I see rows of caskets lining up in front of this TV set and I see them bringing them closer to the TV set and as people are coming closer I see loved ones picking up the hands of the dead and letting them touch the screen and people are getting raised as their hands are touching that screen. ... Now here’s something else I see. ... the day is going to come when the gifts of the Holy Spirit will so intensify in the church that young children will be watching TBN and signs and wonders will begin to take place

through them. Impartations of the Spirit will come to them” (Benny Hinn, Praise the Lord, Trinity Broadcasting Network, October 19, 1999).

Benny Hinn is a dangerous false prophet. The Bible does not promise a miracle-working revival at the end of the church age before the return of Christ. It promises, rather, great deception.

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect” (Matthew 24:24).

“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved” (2 Thessalonians 2:7-10).

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth BY THE MEANS OF THOSE MIRACLES which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live” (Revelation 13:13,14).

Many gullible people are deceived by miracles, but the Bible warns that miracles can be counterfeited. As we see in the above verses, every time the New Testament mentions miracles at the end of this age, it refers to them as deceptions.

Miracles do not impart faith. Most of the people who witnessed Christ’s miracles did not believe. Faith comes only by hearing the Word of God, the Bible. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Hebrews chapter 11 also tells us that faith comes through God’s Word. It is the miracles that are recorded in Scripture that give faith.

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But THESE ARE WRITTEN, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name” (John 20:30,31).

Beware friends, Benny Hinn is a dangerous false prophet.

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